

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Remedial tax law changes		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill, introduced at the request of the Department of Revenue, makes the following changes, none of which are expected to have a significant effect on either tax revenues or administrative costs:

- conforms the Wisconsin provisions for providing relief to innocent spouses from payment of taxes on a joint tax return to the federal innocent spouse provisions;
- requires retailers who collect sales or use tax in error from a purchaser to refund that tax to the purchaser;
- allows retailers to use a mathematical computation instead of the bracket system required under current law to calculate sales and use tax due on a transaction;
- adds definitions of the terms "pay" and "sign" to the statutes relating to alternative fuel taxes and of the term "sign" to statutes relating to the tobacco products tax (these definitions were inadvertently omitted from 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, which provided these definitions for other excise taxes);
- provides that tax-related documents or payments may be made using a delivery service approved by the Internal Revenue Service for federal tax purposes;
- allows the Department to require taxpayers to round amounts reported on tax forms to the nearest whole dollar;
- allows the Department to compromise non-delinquent taxes, interest and penalties (currently the Department may compromise only delinquent taxes, interest and penalties);
- restores a 30-day extension for employers to file an annual withholding reconciliation report, which was inadvertently eliminated from the statutes by 1997 Wisconsin Act 291.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications